

ESSB 5048 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-2540.1/17) **391**

By Representative Smith

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1 On page 105, line 18, increase the general fund-state
2 appropriation for fiscal year 2018 by \$43,000

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4 On page 105, line 19, increase the general fund-state
5 appropriation for fiscal year 2019 by \$5000

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7 On page 106, line 12, correct the total.

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9 On page 113, after line 3, insert the following:

10 "(33)(a) \$43,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
11 fiscal year 2018 and \$5000 of the general fund--state appropriation
12 for fiscal year 2019 are provided solely for the department to
13 contract with a nongovernmental organization, with experience in
14 reducing the likelihood of child sexual assault and misconduct, to
15 develop a child safety policy in accordance with the guidelines
16 published by the center for disease control to prevent child sexual
17 abuse within youth-serving organizations. The child safety policy
18 shall be for all organizations that provide recreational programming
19 to individuals under age eighteen, including local government
20 organizations and organizations that contract with local governments
21 to provide such programming. The child safety policy must contain
22 minimum standards that address the following: (i) screening and
23 selection of employees and volunteers;(ii) guidelines for
24 interactions between individuals; (iii) monitoring the behavior of
25 employees, volunteers, and participants; (iv) ensuring safe
26 environments; (v) responding to inappropriate behavior, breaches in

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1 policy, and allegations; and (vi) training about child sexual abuse
2 prevention.

3 (b) The department shall encourage the contracted
4 nongovernmental organization to work with organizations that provide
5 recreational programming for individuals under age eighteen to
6 establish the minimum standards, and these standards shall be used
7 to approve the child safety policies of such organizations. The
8 minimum standards must be developed and made available on the
9 department's public web site by December 1, 2017.

10 (c) Beginning December 1, 2017, the department shall select a
11 region of two contiguous counties, with a combined population
12 between three hundred thousand and three hundred fifty thousand, for
13 a pilot program, whereby participants are trained regarding the
14 child safety policy developed by the nongovernmental organization.
15 Under the pilot program, the department shall collaborate with the
16 contracted nongovernmental organization and local governments of the
17 two counties to ensure that, by June 30, 2018, all local government
18 organizations within the two-county region that provide recreational
19 programming for individuals under age eighteen have established and
20 implemented a child safety policy that meets the minimum standards.

21 (d) By December 1, 2018, the department shall report the
22 following to the appropriate committees of the legislature: (i) a
23 description of the pilot program and of the child safety policy
24 requirements; (ii) recommendations regarding implementation of the
25 minimum standards statewide, in all organizations that provide
26 recreational programming to individuals under age eighteen; and
27 (iii) after consultation with the department of early learning,
28 recommendations for any modifications to implement a child safety
29 policy appropriate for child care providers."

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EFFECT: (1) Requires the Department of Health (DOH), with a
nongovernmental entity, to develop minimum standards for a child

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safety policy for organizations that provide recreational programming for youth. The policy shall be posted on the DOH's website by December 1, 2017.

(2) Requires the DOH, by December 1, 2017, to select two contiguous counties for a pilot program to provide training regarding the child safety policy and to ensure that the local governments within the two counties that provide recreational programming for youth have established and implemented the policy.

(3) Requires the DOH to report to the Legislature regarding the policy, recommendations for statewide implementation, and recommendations for modifications for application of the policy to child care providers.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increases General Fund - State by \$48,000.

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